

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 1 Week 3

15th February 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School.

What an exciting and busy day last Friday was. The Beginning of the Year and Leadership Mass was an excellent event. The most poignant thing for me was looking at our school leaders and remembering them when they entered our school as five year olds and seeing them now as young adults taking a leadership role in our school.

The afternoon activities were also excellent, a special thank you to Mrs Baines and Room Seven for all of their hard work in planning and organizing the afternoon.

Events like this are always special in the life of children often becoming a happy memory that they take with them on their life long journey.

As we move into Week Three we have a large number of our pupils representing our school in a range of sports: T ball, touch and cricket. Thank you to all of the parents who have helped to coach or organize these sports, without your help our pupils wouldn't enjoy these opportunities.

Have a great week.
Mike Brosnahan

Whanau Picnic last Friday



2011 Whanau Leaders



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Altar Servers

An important opportunity of being a leader at our school is to be a leading member of our Parish. One way we believe that our senior pupils can become more active members of our Parish is by being Altar Servers.

Please discuss with your children (if they are in Years 5,6,7, & 8) the possibility of them becoming Altar Servers, either beginning this or continuing with this service.

We will be enrolling Altar Servers for the 2011 school year next week so please discuss with your children the positive aspects of this service. (Full training will be given).

Altar Servers for Sunday 20th February

Quintin Petre, Josh Hyde, Michaela Sutherland.

Mosgiel Junior Soccer Club Registrations

Registration days for Mosgiel Junior Soccer are:

Monday 28th February 6pm – 8pm

Wednesday 2nd March 6pm – 8pm

Subs: \$75 for one child, \$120 for 2 children, \$140 for 3 or more; Midgets \$35

Socks Available.

Registrations will take place at the clubrooms at Memorial Park. Eftpos available.

Any questions contact:

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Opening School Mass

Our Year Eights: Tayla Anderson, Emma Anderton, Alysha Beattie, Tayla Bell, Karen McNeilly, Brooke Rolleston, Brianna Smith, James Beard, Cameron Dyer, Rhys Farquhar, Tom Hay, Leon Hoogenraad, Quintin Peter and Jackson Sutherland-Ward participated in the liturgy along with Matthew Hall, Shannon Crooks, Sinead Illingworth, Jayden Grindley, Brendon O'Neill and Michaela Sutherland—thank you to you all.

Tissues

We would welcome donations of boxes of tissues for your child(rens) classrooms, as once again hayfever and colds are around.

Looking Ahead Term 1

February

- 17th Financial literacy workshop all classes
- 21st Rooms 1-4 Swimsation Swimming Lessons
- 21st Dental checks start, parents will be notified of appointments if treatment is required.
- 28th Ronald McDonald Road Safety Show

March

- 10th Board of Trustees Meeting
- 21st Anniversary Day—school closed.

Helpers Wanted

With a school of our size the old saying the 'many hands made light work' is true.

We would like to keep a list of parents who are really willing and able to help out. If you have a skill or are willing to help out in some way please fill in the form below. One area that we really do need people to help out is as a handyman (person).

The jobs would not be too numerous but each one that is completed would be high beneficial.

If you can help in any way please fill in the form below:

Name: _____

Areas I can help in _____

When I am able to help _____

Plains Junior Triathlon

This Friday 18th February at Memorial Park, Mosgiel. Children can enter as an individual or as a team, 5-14 years. Spot prizes and a sausage sizzle available.

Entry forms available from our school office.

Piano Lessons

Robyn Taylor is available to teach piano to our pupils (beginners and up).

If you are interested in your child learning Piano (lessons 1/2 hour) please contact the school office for further information.

A thought for the week,

One's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.

Oliver Wendell Holmes